AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Change page 1, lines 2-14, as follows:

ORIGINAL TRANSPORT APPARATUS~~, ORIGINAL TRANSPORT METHOD~~ AND IMAGE READING APPARATUS

Background of the Invention and Related Art Statement

[0001] The present invention relates to an original transport apparatus mounted on a copier or facsimile device for transporting an original to a predetermined reading position to read an image thereupon~~, and an original transport method for transporting the original~~. More specifically, the present invention relates to an original transport apparatus ~~and original transport method~~ in which the originals are efficiently discharged without disrupting an order of the original pages after both sides of the originals are read consecutively.

Change paragraph 0003, as follows:

[0003] In this method, the original stacked on an original tray is fed one at a time and read while being turned over (inverted) by ~~180°~~ 180 degrees before being discharged on a discharge tray. Therefore, when only a single side of the original is read sequentially, the originals are discharged on the discharge tray with a page order same as that on the original tray.

Change paragraph 0014, as follows:

[0014] Hereunder, embodiments of the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. FIG. 1 is a vertical sectional view of an automatic document feeder according to an embodiment of ~~he~~ the present invention. The automatic document feeder is mounted on an image reading apparatus. FIG. 2 is a vertical sectional view of a main portion of the automatic document feeder.

Change paragraph 0061, as follows:

[0061] In the same way as for the first original D1, the paper feed motor M1 is driven in the forward direction to rotate the kick roller 18 and the paper feed roller 19 to abut the second original D2 against the nipping position of the pair of the register rollers 21 to remove any skew. The reverse rotational drive of the paper feed motor M1 and the forward rotational drive of the transport motor M2 ~~transports~~ transport the original D2 so that the leading edge thereof is separated only by a predetermined distance from the pair of the register rollers 21 (distance Z shown in FIG. 10(b)). Then, the motors stop (see FIG. 11(a)).

Change paragraph 0104, as follows:

[0104] The paper feed motor M1 is also driven in reverse to re-feed the original D2. The reverse drive of the paper feed motor M1 rotates the register roller 21a in the paper feed direction. The excitation of the pressing solenoid SOL is stopped after an amount of time that the pair of the register rollers 21 securely nips the leading edge of the original D2. The discharge rollers 24b ~~moves~~ move downwardly away from the discharge rollers 24a, and the transport motor M2 is driven in the forward direction. When the trailing edge of the original D2 passes the return prevention lever 35, the trailing edge of the original D1 stopped by the lever falls into the discharge tray 16 to complete the process (see FIG. 18(c)). Then, the original D2 is transported to the transport path 26. The backside of the original D2 is read in the same processes as those used for reading the front side.